United States Bankruptcy Court <u>SOUTHERN DISTR</u> 61288, Houston TX 77208 (Houston Div	PROOF OF CLAIM		
Name of Debtors	Case Number		
Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation	00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	788-53619 Creditor ID#:	
place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim		United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas FILED	
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes noney or property):  Rumpke Of Ohio	Check box if you are aware that anyone else a filed a proof of claim relating to your claim.  Attach copy of statement giving particulars.	JUL 2 4 2000	
lame and address where notices should be sent:  ***********************************	Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case	Michael N. Milby, Clerk	
Cincinnati OH 45253-8708	Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.		
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor: 24-51322 03 - 10016	Check here replaces if this claim amends a prev	ously filed claim, dated:	
<ul> <li>Basis for Claim</li> <li>Goods sold</li> <li>Services performed</li> <li>Money loaned</li> <li>Personal injury/wrongful death</li> <li>Taxes</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U Wages, salaries, and compensation Your SS#: Unpaid compensation for services from to (date)	n (Fill out below) 	
. Date debt was incurred:	3. If court judgment, date ob	tained:	
If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also comple  — Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in additional charges.  Secured Claim.  — Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff).	te Item 5 or 6 below. on to the principal amount of the claim.  6. Unsecured Priority Claim.  Check this box if you have an a Amount entitled to priority \$	Insecured priority claim	
Brief Description of Collateral: Real Estate Motor Vehicle Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate	Specify the priority of the claim Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to	: \$4,300),* earned within 90 days before filing of ne debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11	
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